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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Takanori MASUI et al.

Group Art Unit: 2135

Application No.: 10/660,560

Examiner: J. PAN

Filed: September 12, 2003

Docket No.: 117046

For: INFORMATION PROCESSOR AND INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD FOR COOPERATIVE OPERATION OF JOB PROCESSOR

SUMMARY OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Applicants' representative conducted a personal interview with Examiners Pan and Truong on May 3, 2007. Applicants' separate record of a summary of the substance of the personal interview is discussed below.

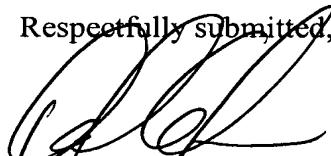
Applicants' representative requested the personal interview to review the substance of Applicants' Amendment filed on April 27, 2007 in response to a January 29, 2007 non-final Rejection regarding the above-identified application. Applicants' representative reviewed with Examiners Pan and Truong the substance of the claim amendments, and specifically how the claims distinguish over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0184518 A1 to Foster et al. (hereinafter "Foster").

With reference to at least paragraph [0125] of Foster, Applicants' representative noted that, while Foster may discuss encryption of a job ticket, Foster neither teaches, nor can it reasonably be considered to have suggested, a feature in which an encryption processor

encrypts each process description defined in the instruction data using information of each one of job processor which executes the process, so that the process description is decryptible for the job processor.

Examiners Pan and Truong indicated that they understood the distinction that Applicants' representative was making regarding the subject matter of the pending claims with respect to Foster. The Examiners indicated that further consideration would be given to Applicants' arguments when the Examiners have the opportunity to review, in detail, Applicants' April 27 Amendment. The Examiners indicated that a further search would be required in light of the amended claim language.

Should any questions arise regarding this correspondence, all inquiries may be directed to Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

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